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DALRYMPLE, OFFICIALS CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF NEW TOWN MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT State Invests \$54 Million in New Town-area Roadway Enhancements

BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Jack Dalrymple today joined state, local and tribal officials to celebrate the completion of the \$20 million New Town Main Street reconstruction project and the re-opening of the roadway to traffic. The 2.28-mile-long project enhances Main Street for residents and local businesses, and provides additional infrastructure improvements following last year's completion of the New Town Truck Reliever Route that diverted truck traffic from Main Street to the city's edge.

"This project is one of several major roadway projects in the New Town area designed to help support the region's growing traffic needs," said Dalrymple. "The state has invested approximately \$54 million in New Town in recent years to improve roadway safety and ease traffic congestion. These enhancements to Main Street will restore this roadway for residents and local businesses, and enhance the overall quality of life for the people of New Town."

Dalrymple was joined by New Town Mayor Dan Uran, North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Director Grant Levi, Three Affiliated Tribes Chairman Mark Fox and other officials to dedicate the project's completion and highlight its many benefits for New Town and the region.

"New Town has seen a lot of changes in the past few years and I am extremely happy to see this project completed," said Uran. "This project brings increased benefit to our community and restores the quality of life in the heart of New Town."

The New Town Main Street Reconstruction project includes concrete overlay and widening on Main Street, as well as the reconstruction of shoulders, storm drains, curbs and gutters, sewers and water mains, and the replacement of lighting and signals. The project began in the spring of 2015 and provides improvements to Main Street from the intersection of ND Highway 1804 to the New Town Truck Reliever Route.

"Building the New Town Truck Reliever Route last year was the first step in easing traffic congestion in the city of New Town," said Levi. "As part of our work in the New Town area, the NDDOT also reconstructed ND Highway 1804 north of the city of New Town last year. This year's project represents restoring Main Street for the people of New Town and local businesses, while improving the underlying infrastructure of the city."

Since 2013, North Dakota has invested more than \$800 million a year on statewide roadway projects, the largest road improvement campaign in state history.